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Ned Russell came to see me this morning and we talked for an hour and a half. He is profoundly skeptical over the prospects of France ratifying the EDC.

I went out late for lunch and wandered into a little bistro in this quarter where I found the head of the print concern of Neuville. He is a witty, somewhat erratic old boy but I had a delightful conversation with him on the subject of partridge shooting, to which he is passionately devoted.

Bunny and Paul Mellon and Lady John Hope came to dinner with us. The Mellons had been in England and Paul and I had a good talk on a variety of topics. Lady John Hope is the daughter of Somerset and Syrie Maugham. She is bright and attractive. I had met her husband in Strasbourg, where he comes for the Council of Europe meetings. She said he is convinced the passage of the EDC and of a strong EPC is essential to the lasting interests of Great Britain.

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